

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-referenced application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for taking measurements in a mobile telecommunications system, the system comprising a network of a plurality of cells and at least one user equipment device, the method comprising, at the user equipment device prior to cell selection when the user equipment device is not camped on a cell:

scanning frequency bands to generate measurement data for signals received from cells of the network; and

identifying from the measurement data ~~the~~ a best cell which best meets a cell selection criterion;

determining whether the identified best cell is suitable; and

when the identified cell is deemed unsuitable, re-initiating the scanning step ~~including the scanning of the frequency bands but with~~ the omission from the scan of the cell previously identified as the best cell which best meets a cell selection criterion.

2. (Current amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising when the identified best cell is deemed unsuitable, re-initiating the scanning step with the omission from the scan of the frequency band of the cell previously identified as the cell which best meets a cell selection criterion.

3. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 2 wherein an identified best cell is deemed unsuitable when the identified best cell is barred with the an “intra-frequency cell-reselection indicator” set to “not allowed”.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising determining whether the measurement data meets a predetermined criterion and storing the measurement data in an order relative to the meeting of the criterion.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising:
determining whether the measurement data meets a predetermined criterion and storing the measurement data in an order relative to the meeting of the criterion;
-identifying from the stored measurement data the cell which best meets a cell selection criteria;
determining whether the identified cell is suitable; and
when the identified cell is deemed unsuitable, identifying from the stored measurement data the cell with the next strongest signal at any frequency and determining whether the newly identified cell is suitable.

6. (Currently amended) Apparatus for taking measurements in a mobile telecommunications system, the system comprising a network of a plurality of cells and at least one user equipment device, the apparatus comprising a processor and memory, the apparatus being arranged to carry out the following steps:

scanning frequency bands to generate measurement data for signals received from cells of the network; and
identifying from the generated measurement data ~~the~~ a best cell which best meets a cell selection criterion;
determining whether the identified best cell is suitable; and
when the identified cell is deemed unsuitable, re-initiating the scanning step including the scanning of the frequency bands but with the omission from the scan of the cell previously identified as the cell which best meets a cell selection criterion.

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7. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the apparatus is further arranged, when the identified best cell is deemed unsuitable, to re-initiate the scanning step with the omission from the scan of the frequency band of the cell previously identified as the cell which best meets a cell selection criterion.

8. (New) A UMTS user equipment device incorporating apparatus according to claim 6 or 7.